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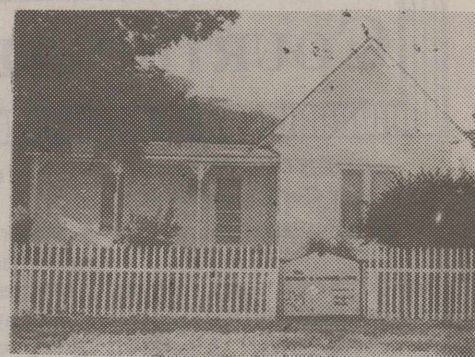
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are 50 or older, you can probably relate to the following list provided by Jerry Biggerstaff. The author is unknown, but has to be well versed in aging. *Vanda Anderson Creech*

"ABC's of Aging"

- A is for arthritis.
- B is for bad back.
- C is for the chest pains. Corned beef? Cardiac?
- D is for dental decay and decline.
- E is for eyesight--can't read that top line.
- F is for fissures and fluid retention.
- G is for gas (which I'd rather not mention, not to forget gastrointestinal glitches).
- H is high blood pressure.
- I is for itches, and lots of incisions.
- J is for joints, that now fail to flex.
- L is for libido--what happened to sex?
- Wait! I forgot about K!**
- K is for my knees that crack all the time. (But forgive me I get a few lapses in my M-memory from time to time.)
- N is for nerve (pinched) and neck (stiff) and neurosis.
- O is for osteo--for all the bones that crack.
- P is for prescriptions, that cost a small fortune.
- Q is for queasiness. Fatal or just the flu?
- Give me another pill and I'll be good as new!
- R is for reflux--one meal turns into two.
- S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears on how to pay my increasing medical bills!
- T is for tinnitus--I hear bells in my ears.
- U is for urinary and the difficulties that flow (or not).
- V is for vertigo, as life spins by.
- W is for worry, for pains yet found.
- X is for X-ray --and what one might find.
- Y is for year (another one I'm still alive).
- so Z is for zest. For surviving the symptoms my body's deployed, and keeping twenty-six doctors gainfully employed.

Cottonwood Musical This Friday Night April 19th

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, April 19, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving Sloppy Joe's with all the trimmings. Sandwiches and pies will also be available. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and the musical commences at 6:30 p.m.

The emcee for the evening will be Mary Weaver.

Everyone is invited to attend. Ya'll come! Admission is free!!!

Five Lady Buffs to Qualify for Regional

The Lady Buffs scored 40 points and finished 6th out of 21 for the Area Team Title at Winters.

Once again, they had to finish in the top 4 in their individual events in order to advance to Regionals in Abilene.

The Lady Buffs had five girls competing in six events at Area and they all advanced to Regionals in two weeks at Abilene Christian University. Qualifiers are as follows:

- Shot Put - Kelsee Richards 36' 5 1/2", 1st (personal record)
- 800 Run - Shana Hyles 2:39, 4th place
- 1600 Run - Shana Hyles 6:09, 3rd place
- 400 Run - Kim Mosier 63.3, 3rd place
- 300 Hurdles - Ashley Cook 49.3, 2nd place (personal record)
- Pole Vault - Erin Stephens 6' 6", 3rd place.

Our district is one of the toughest in the State and Region II across the board, in every event. These kids have accomplished something special by advancing to Regional Competition in Abilene this season.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Dedication Ceremony of Liberty Cemetery Historical Marker

The Liberty Cemetery was designated an Historic Texas Cemetery in September, 200. The cemetery was established in 1899 by Sam and Amanda Webb to serve the surrounding community. There are 65 known graves of early settlers and their descendants.

The cemetery is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Cisco. From Cisco take Highway 206 SW approximately 16 miles. Turn left, south on FM 569 for approximately 4 miles, then turn right on CR 376. The cemetery is 1/10 mile west.

Honored guests will be Cloris L. Webb and Congressman Charles Stenholm.

In the late 1890's and early 1900's Liberty was a small community with a school, two churches, general mercantile store, drug store, blacksmith shop and a cotton gin. In 1898 S.A. Fleming, Sam Webb and W.T. Boyd built a union house for use by the Cumberland Presbyterians, Methodist and Baptists.

In 1908 Henry Lacy and T.B. Vestal purchased land and a

building was erected for the Church of Christ. The school was later known as Union Hill. The education of their children was an important part of life for the community. In the summertime revivals were held, a time of visiting and picnics.

In 1899 Samuel Blackwell and his wife, Amanda Hayward Holder Webb, deeded land for a cemetery. By the year 2000, there were 73 known graves inside the main cemetery. Outside, a few yards away, is a small fenced area, believed to contain the graves of one or more itinerants. The first recorded grave is that of Viola Wood Holder and her infant son, Olan, who died in July, 1907.

Among those buried here are at least two veterans of the Confederacy, Quinn Booth and Kibble Jasper Lacy.

The cemetery is maintained by the Liberty Cemetery Charitable Trust, formed in 1985.

For further information contact Sylvia King (254) 442-2170, email:kingirby@eastland.net.

Submitted by Sylvia (Lacy) King

Weekend Flower and Art Show Scheduled for Downtown C.P.

You are cordially invited to attend the Cross Plains Garden Club's 40th Annual Standard Flower Show. Judging will be on Saturday, April 20. The show will be open to the public Sunday, April 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the local Senior Citizens' Center, 108 North Main.

"The Greatest Little Flower Show on Earth" was chosen for the show's title. Chairman of the 2002 flower show is Eva Fleming, and from what we hear, it promises to be an excellent affair.

This year's show is in conjunction with The Paint and Palette Club Art Show. They will have paintings on display, as well as the winning ribbons. Betty Beggs has a great art show lined up. Participants need to bring their entries to the Senior Citizens' Center on Friday, April 19, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For additional information call Betty Beggs at (254) 725-7235. This will provide each of you the opportunity to view both the gorgeous flowers and captivating paintings. We will be expecting you.

The aim of this flower show is to acquaint the general public with the beauty of flowers and to encourage the preservation of the native plants on the District VIII of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. wild flower protective list.

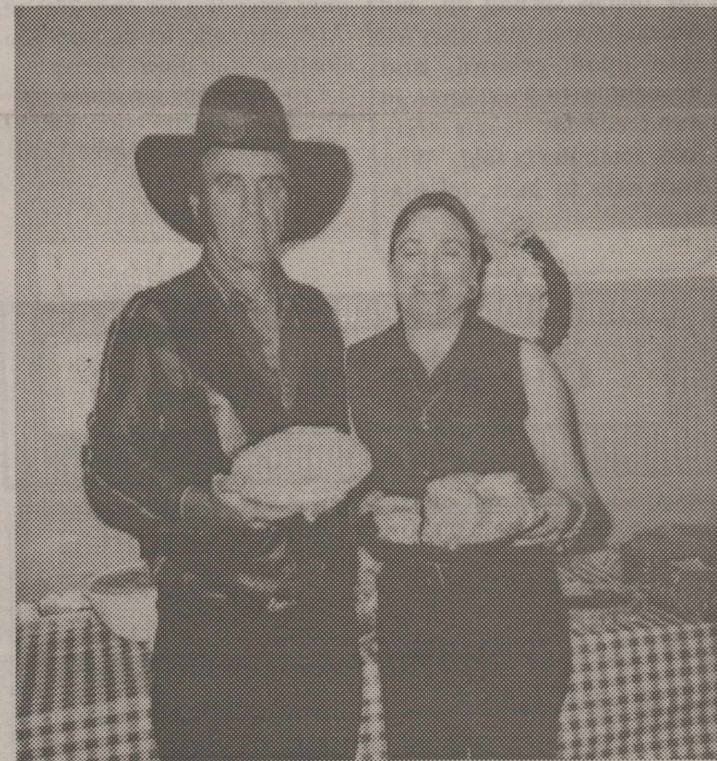
For those of you who are member of the Cross Plains Garden Club or plan to exhibit an entree, remember the judging of Designs and Horticulture will be Saturday, April 20. You must have your designs completed and on display by 10:30 a.m.

Entrees will be accepted Friday, April 19, from 3 to 6 p.m. Horticulture exhibits "must" be in place by 6 p.m. Friday. All entries will be subject to classification prior to the show. National Council accredited judges will use the standard system of awards. Judges decisions are final.

Submitted by Kay Mosley



THE SMOOT FAMILY— Tony Smoot (back, from left), Garry Smoot and Johnny Smoot; Alaina and her husband, Dan Vogler and their son, Blake Vogler.



BENEFIT ORGANIZERS— Doug and Judy Campbell.

Bill Smoot Benefit at Oplin Netted \$3,800

By Vanda Anderson Creech Editor

A Benefit for Bill Smoot was hosted at the Grand Ole Oplin Friday, April 12. A total of 296 attended and helped earn over \$3,800. A silent auction, live auction, bake sale, and admission to the dance contributed to the successful event. It was a fun-filled evening for a worthy cause.

Bill is currently undergoing chemotherapy at his home via Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The funds will be utilized for incurred medical expenses.

He is originally from the Pioneer Community, the son of Mary (Mazie) Smoot of Brownwood and the late Bill Smoot. His wife, Judy, is originally from Cross Plains, the daughter of the late Loyd and Vernie McMillan. Bill retired from the City of Abilene several years ago and he and his wife reside in Clyde. The couple has three sons, Johnny, Garry and Tony, two daughters, Tammie King and Alaina Vogler, and 8 grandchildren.

Bill and Judy were unable to attend the benefit, but four of their children were present. The entire family is very appreciative of the generosity shown by so many. Keep Bill in your prayers as he continues his treatments.

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Sabanno Cemetery Association to Meet Wednesday

There will be an annual business meeting for the Sabanno Cemetery Association Wednesday, April 24, at the Sabanno Community Center following the noon meal.

Please come and participate. If you can't make the meeting, please send your contributions to Sabanno Cemetery Association, Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or to Wanda Blackwell, Route 4 Box 90, Cisco, Texas 76437. Your memorial gifts and contributions are greatly appreciated.

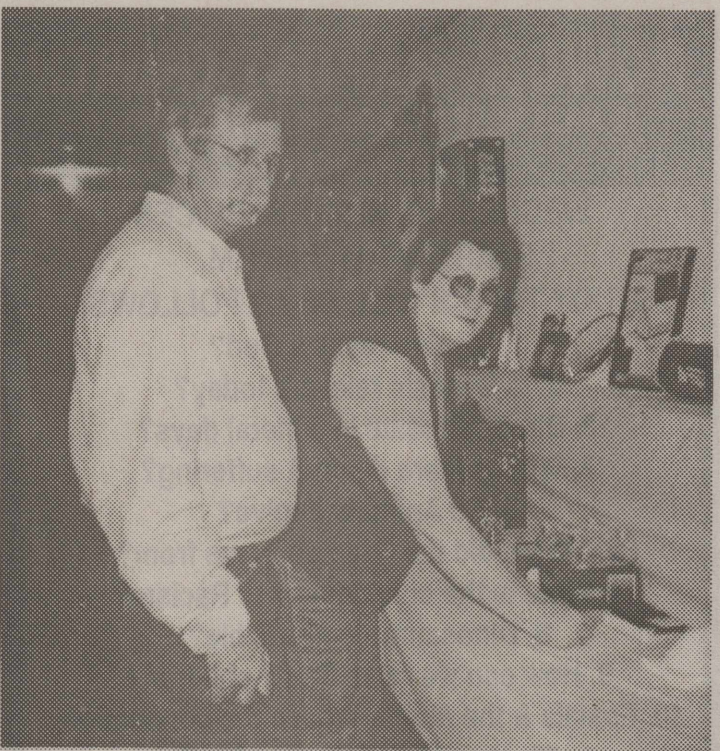
Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Reminder of Candidates for May 4th Election

Three individuals, incumbents Jerry Cassle and Dean Dillard, and Marvin Mosley, have announced their candidacy for two seats on the City Council. Only incumbent Ray Purvis is vying for mayor.

In the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees election four candidates have announced. Incumbent Monty Richards, Larry Thomas, Bryan Bennett and D.T. Crockett are seeking the two the expiring terms of Richards and Scott Childress.

Both elections will be held on May 4th at the Cross Plains Community Center.



PLACING BIDS ON THE SILENT AUCTION AT THE BILL SMOOT BENEFIT— Doug Musick of Hodges and Carolyn Dooley of Abilene.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING
"Banquet Work"
7:00 p.m.
April 22, 2002

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
 Roger Corn, presiding
 Misdemeanor Filings

Roy E. Scarbrough, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Cynthia Kay Garza and Chano P. Garza, divorce.

Dillard National Bank vs. Gary J. Seals, aka Gary James Seals, default on account.

Kim Alexander and Kenneth Alexander, divorce.

Criminal Minutes

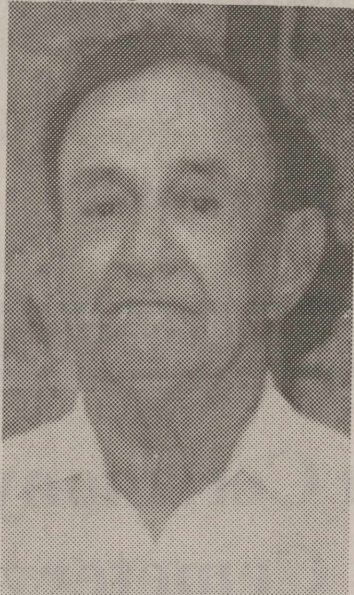
Kimbra Abbott, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Tiffany M. Jackson, plea of guilty to conspiracy to possess or transport of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, 8 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$236 court costs.

Erin E. Hall, plea of guilty to criminally negligent homicide, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$260.25 court costs.

Leslie Prickett, motion to dismiss to tampering with a governmental record granted.

OBITUARIES



CLARK TABOR

Clark Tabor

CLYDE—Clark Tabor, 93, the youngest child of Clyde pioneer family John Love "Dock" Tabor and Cora Virginia Foster, died Monday afternoon, April 15, 2002 at his home in Clyde after a short illness.

Funeral services will take place at 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning, April 18, 2002 at First United Methodist Church in Clyde with Rev. Ava Berry officiating. Burial will follow in Clyde Cemetery. Family visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde.

Born August 23, 1908, he married LaVerne Nelson September 1, 1935 in Clyde. He was a lifelong resident of Clyde. He graduated from Clyde High School in 1926—the first of four generations of Tabor to graduate from CHS. Clark's oldest son, Don was a CHS graduate in 1954, his grandson, Gil was a CHS graduate in 1976 and his great-grandson Justin was a CHS graduate in 2000. A member of First United Methodist Church in Clyde, Tabor was a charter member of the Clyde Lions Club.

Tabor was employed by the Clyde Post Office for 44 years, including a stint of 10 years as Postmaster at Clyde. He later became a rural route mail carrier at Route 1 and retired as the Route 2 mail carrier in Clyde in 1978 at the age of 70.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerne Nelson Tabor of the home; two sons, Don Tabor and wife Betty Jo of Clyde, Ret. Major General Dale Tabor and wife Kay of Golden, Colorado; five grandchildren, Gil Tabor of Clyde, Bryan Tabor of New Braunfels, Danny Tabor of Clyde, Russ Tabor of Littleton, Colorado, and Jill Roffman of Houston; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers include: Jim Paylor, Benton Pruet, Jim Berry, Tom Bailey, Justin Tabor, and Pete Fischer. Honorary pallbearers include: Frank Bailey, Dan South, Doug Ford and Lee Loper.

In lieu of flowers, the family would suggest a donation to the United Way or your favorite charity.

Alta Mae Hood

Alta Mae Hood, age 89, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, April 12, 2002, at her home.

She was born April 20, 1912 in Pacific Junction, Iowa to James Abbott and Nellie Mae Rodgers Abbott. She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Stephenson of Cross Plains; three brothers, Harold Abbot of Sloan, Iowa, Clarence Abbott of Sioux, Iowa, and James Abbott of Yankton, South Dakota; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Governor proclaims April 14-20 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

During an emergency, when seconds matter most, Texans can rely on public safety telecommunicators to answer 9-1-1 calls and provide emergency service response teams with rapid and accurate dispatch information. Teams of these highly trained, highly skilled men and women are on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week, ready to serve as a vital link to those in need.

These dedicated men and women are key to saving lives and protecting the property of countless people. Working from nearly 600 public safety answering points, more than 4,000 telecommunicators in Texas field 9-1-1 calls covering a wide range of emergencies. As demonstrated during the September 11 terrorist attacks, these professionals must work well under intense pressure and be aware of their critical role as the "unseen first responders."

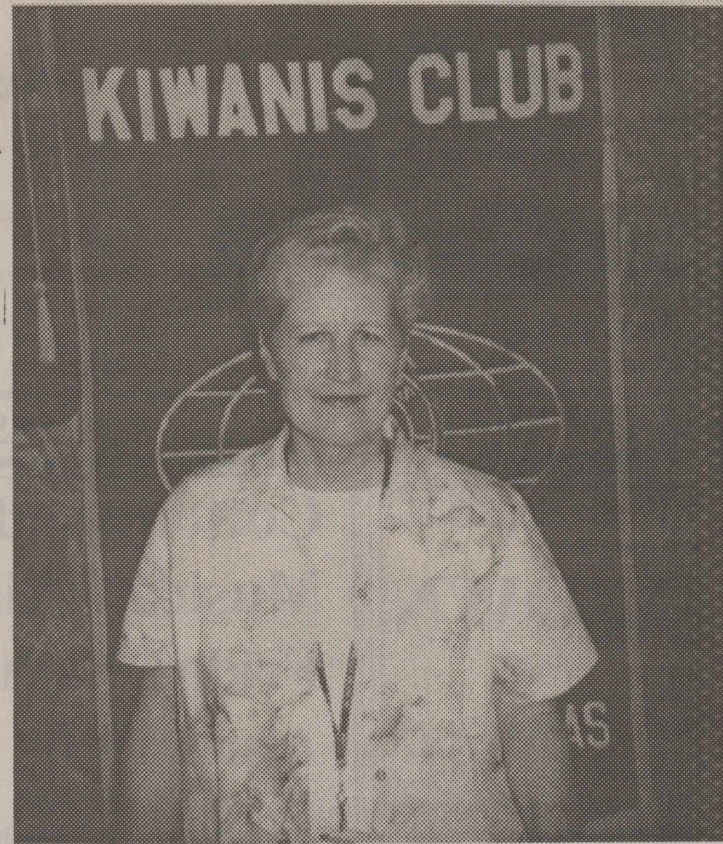
To highlight the invaluable role of emergency service teams, April 14-20 is designated for an awareness campaign by the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications. The commission provides technical assistance and coordinates state and local resources.

At this time, therefore, I urge all Texans to recognize with appreciation public safety telecommunicators for their significant contributions to the citizens of the Lone Star State. Through their efficiency, dedication and skill, these professionals provide an indispensable service in times of emergency.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2002, as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 25th day of March 2002.

(s) Rick Perry
 Governor of Texas



INTERESTING KIWANIS SPEAKER— Cross Plains Postmaster Amanda Waggoner was the guest speaker at the April 9th meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Waggoner displayed several new stamps currently available. All 50 state stamps are now for sale at the post office. Dale Bishop arranged the program. The Kiwanis meet each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Spring Gospel Meeting at Highway 36 Church of Christ Slated

The Highway 36 Church of Christ invites you to come hear the good news of Jesus Christ! The Spring Gospel Meeting begins Sunday morning, April 28, with Bible classes at 10 a.m. and worship assembly at 11 a.m. Sunday evening God's Kids is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29, through Wednesday, May 1, worship begins at 7 p.m.

Bob Marcho will be preaching. The church is located at 10576 Highway 36 South, 12 miles southeast of the Abilene Regional Airport. Everyone is welcome.

For additional information call (915) 529-3818.

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Lawn & Garden Seminar in Clyde April 25

Everybody wants a productive garden as well as a beautiful yard. A successful garden and home landscape can be a challenge and their outcomes are highly dependent upon the decisions made throughout the year. That's why The Peoples State Bank of Clyde and the Callahan County Extension Office have teamed up to sponsor the 4th annual Lawn & Garden Seminar on Thursday, April 25th at the Clyde Lions Club. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is free of charge.

Current up to date Lawn & Garden information is important to many people in Callahan County, and with the conditions that we have experienced the past several years many people

will need to update their methods of keeping their lawn and gardens productive. The purpose of this seminar is to bring homeowners up to date on what they can do to get more from their lawns and gardens.

Mr. John Begnaud, Extension Horticulturist from San Angelo will once again be on hand to cover a variety of topics including: Gardening in the Big Country and Home Landscape Management. We will also be discussing Fire Ant Awareness and review the "Texas Two-step Method to Fire Ant Management". Once again we will incorporate a Special Diagnostic Session into the program to allow participants to bring samples of their plants for symptom diagnosis. Mr. Begnaud will be able to discuss symptoms and cures for various problems gardeners have been experiencing. So if you have a special plant, shrub or tree that is giving you problems, be sure to bring a sample with you to the seminar.

This program promises to offer something to everyone that attends, regardless of your gardening background. So mark your calendars for April 25th at 7:00 p.m. and let us help you improve your green thumb.

If you have any questions contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

The Living Word
 Sponsored By: Dean Brannan

Matthew 13: 7,8,9 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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 Evening Service.....6 :00 P.M.
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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Bill Armstrong - Pastor

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2. Is Genesis relevant today?
3. Did God create in 6 literal days?
4. Why is there death & suffering?
5. Do Animals Evolve?
6. Where did the "Races" come from?
7. What is the only answer to Racism?
8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

Rowden Baptist Church has a free book entitled "Refuting Evolution" for any student or teacher in the area who would like a copy. Call and we'll get one to you.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

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Sunday's Sermon

"More Than A Team"

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: April flowers of the month are Daisies and Sweet Peas. Please remember the Cross Plains Garden Club's Annual Flower Show, April 20 and 21st. It will be held at the local Senior Citizens' Center.

"Spring Chickens? No! Spring Birds"

Have you seen any butterflies lately? Or birds? I've been seeing some small white and yellow butterflies lately; however the past three or four days, I've begun to see some larger yellow ones with markings.

Just before Easter, I purchased a few new herbs. I bought four or five fennel plants, basil, two varieties of sage (that differ from one I already had), some lavender, orange-mint, lemon balm and all but the lavender are now planted in our herb garden amidst our other herbs.

Well, I suppose that wasn't enough for me, so April 8 found me shopping for (you guessed it), more herbs. This time, I chose dill, thyme, more lavender and not get them planted. Fennel is a herb which is very versatile. The

foliage of the fennel plant looks very much like fern or somewhat similar to dill. The fennel plant is also quite aromatic. It smells a lot like licorice, however, it does not taste like it. They can be dried and used in/or as potpourri, or used for greenery in bouquets.

The fennel bulb can be harvested, boiled or steamed similar to how potatoes would be prepared. Fennel, also is delicious in stews, soups, casseroles or with almost any meat. The stalks from the fennel can be washed, chilled and used in salads instead of celery in either fruit or vegetable salads. The stalks can also be added and cooked with most any meat dish in which you would normally use celery. The tops and other foliage of the fennel can be harvested, washed, dried, crushed, bottled and stored away for use in cooking or used as gifts. Tie a pretty bow around the bottle neck, add a gift card and you are all set.

Another herb that is versatile is sorrel. In the very near future I will discuss the many uses of the sorrel plant.

VETERANS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

LAND LOANS—Word was received from Austin on April 12 that the Texas Veterans Land Board lowered the interest rate on land loans effective February 13, 2002. Perhaps the TVLB is trying to save on postage and telephone expense!

The new land loan interest rate is 6.4 percent, a nice cut from the previous 7.5 percent. Additionally, the \$375 administrative fee and the \$25 eligibility checkout fee have been eliminated to save \$400 for each Veteran who gets a TVLB land loan. The five acre minimum still applies to land loans. The loan limit is still \$40,000 with 5 percent minimum down payment on a 30 year loan.

Second loans can now be granted after a Veteran pays off the first loan.

LAND SALES—The Texas Veterans Land Board will open bids April 23, 2002 at 1:00 p.m., for some 210 tracts of forfeited land across the state. There are no offerings for Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Shackelford and Taylor Counties. There are two 20 acre

tracts in Brown County near Blanket and the two are joined. These are Numbers 10458 and 10459 and the minimum bid is \$20,000 on each tract. Call 1-800-252-VETS for more information.

PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS—Another major drug firm is now offering a free prescription drug discount card to help seniors and other Medicare eligibles with limited incomes. GlaxoSmith Kline will offer their free Orange Card which will enable savings of 30% to 40% on medications that they manufacture. No telephone number is available but information and applications are offered at www.doctorhealthynet.com/A/offer.htm.

TAPS—Three US Army Veterans answered the last call during March. Clyde area resident Terry Leon Bohannon and Sidney Owens along with Putnam native Johnnie L. Slaughter have all gone on to a greater peace. Our sympathy is extended to the families of these gallant men.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MONDAY-- Beef-A-Roni, Broccoli, Salad, Brownie, Bread
TUESDAY-- Chicken Salad, Pea Salad, Tossed Salad, Strawberry Shortcake, Crackers
WEDNESDAY-- German Sausage, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Butterscotch Pudding,

Cookie, Bread
THURSDAY-- B-B-Q Brisket, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread
FRIDAY-- Fish, Apple Cole-slaw, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Hushpuppies

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main At 12th
(254) 725-6117

A few years ago in a West Germany town, a fifty-one year old man revealed that he had shot his wife to death—some two years earlier—during the course of a rather heated argument. The argument was concerning the TV—she wouldn't allow him nor their two daughters to watch television or even listen to the radio. The reason she forbade it was because of "religious convictions." So in the course of this heated argument, the man shot his wife to death. He was sentenced to ten years in prison and their two daughters were left without a mother, and for all practical purposes, without a father.

This points out the "breakthru" needed in our society for a greater sense of values. Is a lifetime of TV programs, or a lifetime of radio listening, worth more than a life itself?! Or worth ten years in prison? Or the virtual orphaning of two precious little girls? Maybe she shouldn't have been so dogmatic, and sure you can't cram religious opinions down another's throat, but do these wrongs justify murder?

We've been plagued with the problem since Cain killed Abel, and the only way we'll keep it from happening over and over again is for everyone to become less and less like Cain—and more and more like Abel. Better yet, more and more like Jesus—and less and less like Satan!

Come learn with us about the Galilean—and strive with us to become more and more Christ-like. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Two From Arlington, One from Wexford, Pennsylvania Expected to Attend

Cottonwood Homecoming
Claire Edwards has stated that she, daughter, Joan Sodowsky, and sister, Roxi Bynum, are coming to Cottonwood on May 4th, for the Annual Membership Meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association. They hope and expect to see everyone they have ever known from the old hometown to be present.

Also, Susan DeWitt of Arlington and Craig Koerpell, her cousin from Wexford, Pennsylvania, are expected to attend. They are both descendants of P.D. and Van (Delia) Norton, who operated the grist-mill on Cottonwood Creek during the early days of the settlement.

Two Clean-up Days Set for Cottonwood

Now is the time for all good men, women and children to come to the aid of their Cottonwood Community.

The Annual Clean-up Day is sponsored by the Cottonwood Historical Society and will be held Saturday, April 27. Clean-up projects will include the two cemeteries, the Post Office and the old Methodist Episcopal Church, South. So don't forget!

Please report to the New Cemetery on that Saturday morning with your shovels, hoes, rakes, mowers, drinking water, and trash bags to help with spring cleaning to get ready for the Annual Meeting of the entire membership of the Cottonwood Historical Association on May 4.

The other annual clean-up day is sponsored by the Cottonwood Quilting Club and will be on Tuesday, April 30, for the Community Center property itself. Don't forget this one either!

Listen, this is the best needle-clicking club that was ever orga-

nized anywhere in the world, and they do much more than just quilt quilts, which they do very expertly. They also help keep this community humming by administering and maintaining the Community Center, sponsoring the ever popular monthly musical, keeping the fence rows and ditches clean along the roadways leading into and out of Cottonwood, and by being a very friendly and loving group of people to associate with, or "with which to be associated." And they are all volunteers!

Don't forget the Annual Membership Meeting of the Historical Association on May 4, mentioned above.

The entire membership includes everyone who has ever had a connection with this community, including all new and current citizens.

We may not have your name, address and phone number, or an exact record of your connection to this great hometown, but, we do have you in our hearts and minds and care about you and your connection to Cottonwood, which we are trying to preserve and keep alive. Remember, everything is done by volunteers and we need your presence and support.

So, please be here on May 4, at 10 p.m. Lunch will be served. Meat, tea, coffee and water will be furnished by the Historical Association. Bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert for your ticket.

There will be a story-telling contest in the afternoon. Judges will be on hand to help select the winners in several categories. Please pre-register by calling Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 or leave a message with your name and phone number on the voice mail.

LIBRARY NOTES

April 8-12

Statistics

Circulation:	
Books	73
Audio	1
LAP	32
Interlibrary Loan	2
Total	108

Memorials:
Dick and Blanche Thrasher for Mildred (Coats) Baze
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Did you know April will soon be over? We hope the beautiful season will fill you with thoughts of trees and grass and flowers, and that you'll come to the library to research what is best for growing in this area. Don't wait too long. Your stores selling seeds and plants can help you, too. But the library, is a must. Study this area. Be sure you don't pour money down the drain. We'll be ready for you. The library--remember? We can lead you to the right flowers and other plants. Come on in.



B A B Y IT'S A GIRL

Jason and Nikki Higgins would like to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Jayleigh Blace Higgins. Born March 13, 2002 at 7:16 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 lbs. 10.4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Rex and Edith Beggs and Billy and Debby Whiteley both of Cross Plains. Great grandparents are Joe and Wesley Ingram and Dessa Higgins both of Cross Plains. Great-great grandmothers are Cloe B. Proffit and Betty Beggs both of Cross Plains.

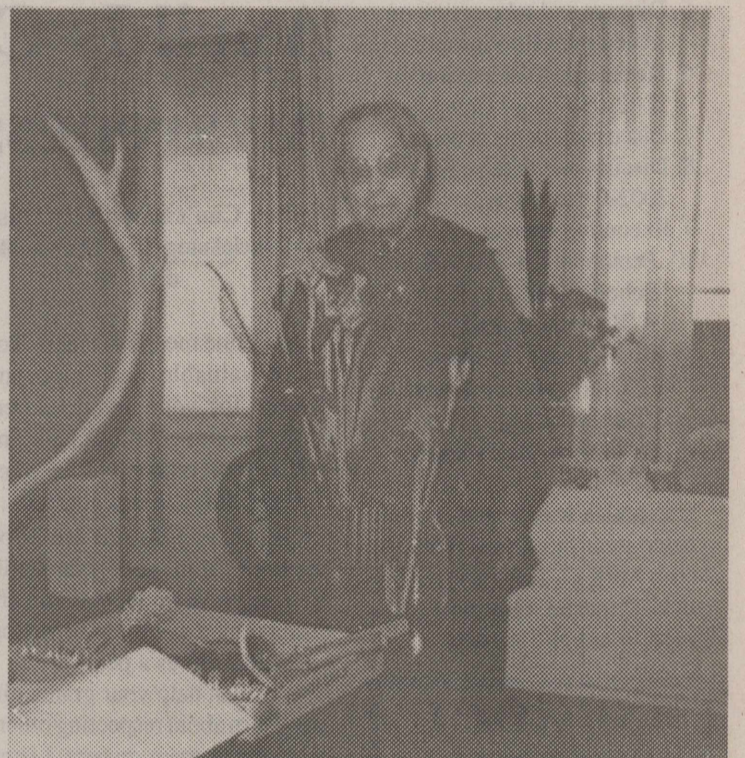
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GARDEN CLUB NEWS



DESIGN WORKSHOP—Julene Franke is shown with her tri-color creation.



GARDEN CLUB WORKSHOP—Joyce Odom is pictured with a tri-color design.

The Cross Plains Garden Club met April 12 at the Multi-Purpose Center for their regular monthly meeting.

Topic was "Share Your Garden". Bob Powell, president, opened the meeting by leading the members in repeating the Club Collect. Julene Franke led the program "Design Workshop" using designs from the flower show schedule. Barbara Powell displayed her "Balloons and Confetti" which was a designer's choice. Joyce displayed a design entitled "Flying Trapeze" that was a tri-color design.

Julene displayed a design using a portion of the head of an elk, with a huge rack of horns. Discussion was all aimed on the upcoming Flower Show to be staged at the Senior Citizens building on Main Street. The show is titled "The Greatest Little Flower Show on Earth" and the dates are April 20 and 21st. It will be open to the public on Sunday, April 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. No admission fee

is charged.

Julene reported on the Plant and Trade Day. Wanda Hammel won the potted geranium that was a raffle project.

Mary Ella Weaver passed out a Program Survey regarding topics for next year's programs.

The door prize was conducted by Betty Beggs and was won by Joyce Odom. The prize was two hand painted rocks.

Food items and coupons were brought for the Food Pantry. Also recyclable items were picked up by Joe Howser.

Barbara was hostess and she had a fresh iris centerpiece for the serving table, from which delicious refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be May 10 and will be "Tour of Gardens" and will be led by Rolan Jones. This is the highlight of our club.

Members present were Bob and Barbara Powell, Julene Franke, Wanda Martin, Emily Crockett, James Nichols, Betty Beggs, Mary Ella Weaver, Joe Howser and Joyce Odom.

PIONEER NEWS

We are quilting on Jean Fore's "Bow Tie", Earlene's "Barn Door" and Lessie has her top in. We all had a good time, as usual. We always look forward to that day.

Frankie Smith had her daughters, Shirley Harrelson and Roxie Nance, for guests. They helped paint Frankie's bath and hall. Thursday, Jean Fore and Frankie attended Adult Senior Day at Camp at Carbon Baptist Church. They had a great fish fry supper and wonderful preaching. Great music by the Calgary Singers was heard. A wonderful skit by Lula Bell made them all laugh!

Friday night Jean and Frankie went to Putnam's Musical with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Blont. Saturday evening they attended the Sipe Springs Musical.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kratzer of Austin spent the weekend with Lessie Fae Baum. They had a wonderful time visiting.

John David Ezzell of Houston spent two nights with his Grandmother Olena, Aunt Anna and other relatives in the area. John's parents are Skipper and Roberta of Fort Worth.

Words of Wisdom: A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Proverbs 16:23

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on April 18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Prayer
- Minutes
 - Open forum
 - Discuss and take action on application for property tax exemption for organizations engaged primarily in charitable activities.
 - Discuss and take action on settling roofing and wall concerns on spectator gymnasium and high school classroom addition.
 - Discuss and take action on sealed gym floor proposals.
 - Discuss and take action on 2002-03 School Calendar.
 - Discuss students absences.
 - Discuss and take action on 2002-03 transfers.
 - Executive session.
 - Personnel for 2002-03 School Year
 - Secretaries/Aides
 - Auxiliary Personnel
 - Other personnel matters, as necessary.
 - Review financial report.
 - Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on April 12, 2002, at 2 p.m. by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent for the Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL MENU

April 15 - April 19
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY--Pancakes, Bacon, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY--Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY-- Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice
LUNCH
MONDAY-- Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Spice Cake
TUESDAY-- Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY-- Chalupas, Salad, Corn, Pudding
THURSDAY--Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Mixed Fruit
FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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Texas A&M University at Galveston Sea Camp

GALVESTON— If your kids like to seine in the salt marsh, trawl on a research vessel and handle all sorts of sea creatures and explore all there is to know about beaches. Se Camp is for them.

In one of the most fun marine adventure summer camps to be found, Texas A&M University at Galveston will offer its 17th annual Sea Camp this year, with 10 different camp topics and 33 sessions offered beginning June 2 and continuing through August 3.

Sea Camp is for youngsters ages 10-18 and each camp is geared to a specific age group and may focus on a particular topic, such as estuarine biology/ecology, coastal camping, marine mammals, fish, careers and photography. This year coastal photography

is being expanded to four different topic sessions. Also continuing are international camps featuring eco-tourism in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and Belize.

Sea Campers will reside at residence halls on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus. Camps cost \$695 or \$750, except for the international ones. A \$125 deposit is required to hold a place. Registration on some Sea Camp sessions is limited. Contact Registrar Daisy Duerson, Sea Camp, Texas A&M University at Galveston, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553; (409) 740-4525-voice, (409) 740-4894-fax; or you may e-mail: seacamp@tamug.tamu.edu website:www.tamug.tamu.edu/~seacamp.

April Is Child Abuse Awareness Month!!!!

You Can't Make Me! Tips for Disciplining Your Grandchildren

Discipline means to teach. You are a valuable and important teacher for your grandchildren. Expect to see good behavior and praise your grandchildren when they are doing things correctly.

* When you do not see good behavior from your grandchildren, let them know that you are disappointed with their behavior, not with them as a person.

* You can help your grandchildren learn about respecting others by showing them respect. Listen carefully when they talk to you. Try to understand why they are misbehaving, so you can respond to their needs. Correct behavior with a firm and respectful tone of voice.

* Explain that each family has rules to live by and your rules are the ones you expect your grandchildren to live by now. Talk about the reasons for your rules. Let your grandchildren know your family rules and post them

where everyone can see them.

When your grandchildren do not follow the rules, try these ideas:

* Ignore attention-seeking behavior unless your grandchildren might get hurt.

* Direct your grandchildren toward good behavior by giving them options for other activities.

* Replace "don't do that" or "stop it" with positive phrases such as "please do this."

* Help your grandchildren accept responsibility for their actions. For example, do not replace toys when children play too roughly and break them.

* Have your grandchildren take a time-out by sitting on a chair in a safe, boring place. Have them sit on the chair for the same number of minutes as their age.

* Take away watching television, playing outside or talking on the phone.

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Stenholm Announces Academy Cycle for 2003

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charlie Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2003 United States Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Congressman Stenholm will again sponsor Academy Day orientation for all high school students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire an education at one of the academies. Parents, counselors, and friends of students are welcome.

Along with Congressmen Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla, Congressman Stenholm will host Academy Day on Sunday, April 28 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Math-Computer Science Building on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo.

Congressman Stenholm will also host Academy Day at two additional locations on Saturday, April 27. In Granbury, Academy Day will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Granbury High School cafeteria located at 600 West Pearl Street. In Abilene, Academy Day will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in classroom 200 of the Johnson Building on the Hardin-Simmons University campus.

The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and a videotape of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age by July 1 of the year of admission, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. citizen. Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. Senators from Texas, and from the Vice President of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Charles Stenholm, 1211 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515, for further information.

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DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY— This beautiful queen size "Flower Basket" quilt will be drawn for at the annual Fish Fry set for April 26 at the Cross Plains Community Center from 5-8 p.m. Adult plates will be \$7 and children 12 and under \$3. You may view the quilt at Texas Heritage Bank where you may also purchase tickets for \$1.00 each or from any fire department volunteer.

U.S. Postal Service transformation plan will help save the mail

FORT WORTH—The United States Postal Service, faced with declining mail volume and a sluggish economy, held high-level meetings with senior postal officials recently to discuss the proposed Transformation Plan. The plan would create a new business model for the Postal Service, preserve universal mail delivery and strengthen the mail system.

"I met with the Postmaster General prior to the announcement of the Transformation Plan," said Michael S. Flores, Postal Service District Manager for the Fort Worth District. "In the short term, it will give us the flexibility to keep costs down and to better serve our customers in the Fort Worth District. In the long term, we'll work under a new business model, which will secure mail delivery for our future."

The new model, called a Commercial Government Enterprise (CGE), would create a government owned entity, but one that enjoys some of the operational and financial flexibility found in the private sector. Under the CGE, the Postal Service would set rates more predictably, be able to retain earnings, work under private sector labor laws and, depending on future legislation, could even pay taxes or dividends to the government.

The CGE model would be a structural transformation requiring legislative acts of Congress. The proposed legislative changes would be the most extensive since the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, which enabled the Postal Service to function effectively until the end of the 20th Century.

"We deliver to more than 1.4 million addresses in this region, and pump 402 million dollars into the local economy," said Flores. "But the legislation we currently work under doesn't give us the tools to survive in the current marketplace. Under this plan, that legislation will change—and the Fort Worth District will

be the better for it."

The plan also outlined short-term, cost-cutting measures. The Postal Service has already cut 30,000 jobs nationwide and \$2.5 billion in costs over the past two years. Nearly 184 jobs and \$14.4 million dollars were cut in the Fort Worth area. Over the next five years, costs will be cut by \$5 billion more nationwide through job attrition, outsourcing, plant consolidation, lifting the moratorium on post office closings and other measures. In addition, the Postal Service will focus on developing new "intelligent" mail products to attract new business and better serve existing customers.

"Mail volume is going down nationwide and in our region, while at the same time 1.7 million new addresses are added every year, costing us billions in lost revenue" said Flores. "We added 24,630 new addresses in the Fort Worth District last year alone. But the Postal Service will meet these challenges head-on. Employees in the Fort Worth District will do all they can to implement the necessary changes and get the Postal Service back on sound financial footing."

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 138 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume - some 207 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year - and serves 7 million customers each day at its 40,000 retail locations nationwide.

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Commissioners presented data on sexually oriented businesses at recent meeting

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve a lengthy list of regulations of sexually oriented businesses located within unincorporated areas of Callahan County during the Commissioners' Court regular monthly meeting held Tuesday, April 9 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Susan McCool, a member of the Health and Safety Committee presented Commissioners with some 32 pages of regulations pertaining to sexually oriented businesses locating in Callahan County.

County Judge Roger Corn said the Health and Safety Committee had rewritten similar regulations pertaining to sexually oriented businesses from Wichita County, which have been court tested.

Judge Corn said a Takings Impact Assessment (TIA) must be performed before the regulations will take effect. Judge Corn said the TIA for adoption of the regulations on sexually oriented businesses will be approved by the Commissioners before the next Commissioners' Court meeting in May.

Callahan County is adopting new regulatory requirements through action covered by Section 2007.003 (a) (1) of the Government Code.

According to the regulations, a sexually oriented business must apply for a permit on an annual basis with the County Clerk's office. The cost of the permit is \$1,000.

The sexually oriented business must be 1,500 feet beyond a child care facility, a church or place of religious worship, a dwelling, a hospital, a public building, a park, a school, another sexually oriented business, a penal institution and other locations.

As part of the permitting process, notification of the application to the public and interested parties is required. Interested parties may request a public hearing on health and safety

matters.

If a public hearing is requested, the Commissioners' Court appoints a Hearing Examiner who conducts the hearing. At the hearing the public is given an opportunity to become actively involved. After the hearing, the Hearing Examiner makes recommendations to the Commissioners' Court to grant the permit, grant the permit with conditions or deny the permit. The Commissioners' Court makes the final decision.

In addition to the permitting process, a process is established wherein a permit, once issued, may be suspended or revoked by the Commissioners' Court. Should such an event occur, an appeals process is established for the permit holder.

The operating requirements portion of the sexually oriented business proposed regulations contain another 20 highlighted items, including setting the hours of operation, exterior advertising, advertisements, minors banned from the premises.

Entertainers are required to perform on a stage elevated not less than 18 inches. Distance requirements for entertainers of three feet from the nearest patron are required. Nudity or the request or suggestion of nudity is prohibited. Physical contact by an entertainer, performer or dancer with a patron is prohibited. An unobstructed view of the entire premises to which a patron is admitted is required.

Various categories of sexually oriented businesses such as sexually oriented modeling studios, nude modeling studios, escort agencies, and sexual encounter centers, as such businesses are defined in the regulations, are prohibited. Persons under 18 are prohibited from living in Adult Motels, and managers of sexually oriented businesses that exhibit sexually explicit films or videos must remain on the premises at all hours of operation and have an unobstructed view of all patrons.

Other agenda items brought

before Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners voted to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting.

—During time set aside for public comment, Chris Faught with the Texas Associations of Counties briefly spoke to the Commissioners to tell them what items they perform for the counties in Texas.

—Commissioners voted to approve the Volunteer Fire Department Workers' Compensation for all County fire departments located outside city limits.

—Commissioners voted to adopt a resolution to approve the tax exemption status for the Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains Masonic Lodges. New state regulations required the Commissioners' Court to approve another resolution, although the County's Masonic Lodges have already been exempt from paying taxes.

—Commissioners voted to table the application to close a road that is identified as County Road 250, being one mile running north and south between County Road 250 and County Road 242.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and voted to adjourn the meeting.

Seminar for April 19th

On Friday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Betty Hardwick Center will host a seminar to review legislative processes and issues that impact mental health services.

Victoria Laursen, with the Texas Mental Health Consumers organization, will present the program. Mental health consumers, family members, and advocates are invited to attend. Seating will be limited to the first 35 respondents. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, call (915) 690-5124 or (915) 690-5213 by Thursday, April 18.

Down Home From Last Week Completed

EDITOR'S NOTE: Well, I found out how many read this column since the "booboo" last week. As you know, the paragraphs were not in order and it didn't make much sense. This was a great article, sent to me by Deborah Griswold, and we are reprinting it. I am sorry for the confusion. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

"Malleability"

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last she placed ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her daughter closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?" Her mother explained that each

of these objects had faced the same adversity --boiling water-- but each reacted differently.

The carrots went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg was fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat?

Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor.

If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level?

How do you handle ADVERSITY? ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG OR A COFFEE BEAN.

One cat tests negative for rabies in Callahan County

Callahan County reported one animal was diagnosed as negative for rabies in the month of February 2002.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division said one cat was tested for rabies in Callahan County and the test result was negative for the disease.

The Department of Health reported there were 93 positive tests for rabies in February, while 689 tests came back as negative for the disease. Of the positive tests, 83 positive tests came from skunks, there were two positive tests from fox, four bats, two dogs, and two cats tested positive in February.

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LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 North Beech Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Cross Plains City Hall, Main Street, Cross Plains, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Debbie Gosnell, c/o Cross Plains City Hall, P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 3, 2002. Issued this the 9th day of April, 2002.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

The leader...

I spend way too much time trying to manage my goats. From past experience, I should know better. Besides, today is the day Camilla made her own justice.

Camilla is the only unrelated goat in my small herd. The others are all sisters, daughters, aunts. Family is very important to goats. Outsiders are admitted one reluctant degree at a time. I've wanted to help Camilla somehow, but the goats work it out much better if they can keep me out of their business.

In my early goatkeeping days, Ruby kept up a continuous battle against Sophie for one-upmanship. Hierarchy is established by butting - soft bumps for babies, advanced bumps for adult goats. Young whippersnappers get sharp, fast bumps designed to nip assertive behavior in the bud, but it doesn't work. Nothing works until they grow up. Once superiority is established, frequent maintenance bumping keeps them all in line.

Ruby's harsh treatment of Sophie was getting serious. As a gesture of mercy, I stepped in to solve the dilemma. Sophie was escorted outside the fence and given a big flake of hay for her own private dining. She thought she was being mistreated and wouldn't eat. That made me the bad guy. She cried until I put her back with Ruby's bully.

At last it seemed wise to remove Ruby from the herd. I put her in a separate pen with another doe for company. Next thing I knew, Sophie was the bully. It was getting awful, so I gave up and put Ruby back in

the pen. In seconds their natural order returned.

Camilla has endured the same sort of regime. I've talked to those goats till I'm blue in the face, but they won't accept her under any conditions.

Reva the boss bumps all the goats, but saves for Camilla the rude jolts that label her "bottom of the heap." In her worst moods, Reva approaches with a glare, locks horns, pushes and shoves and chases Camilla around the corner with grunts that seem to scream, "...and don't EVER come back!"

Camilla is not invited to the family table. Even when it rains, she is allowed inside only far enough to keep her head dry. That's just the way it is. They make their own rules.

Vilified as the outsider, Camilla's worst offense is to stray too close to Reva's styrofoam bench. It's the privileged lounging spot befitting her rank.

This week, Reva is off visiting at another farm. The goats are working 24/7 to establish a revised pecking order. So far there's no final decision, but Camilla is still the outsider.

This afternoon, Camilla gave up trying to belong. She's over on the far side of the barn where the others can't see her. She's out of sight, out of mind, and resting very comfortably on Reva's bench. It was obtained by default, but her neck is arched and there's a smug look on her face that says revenge is sweet.

Camilla watched me come through the gate. Maybe it's just my imagination, but I could swear some of that smug look says she solved it herself, without my interference.

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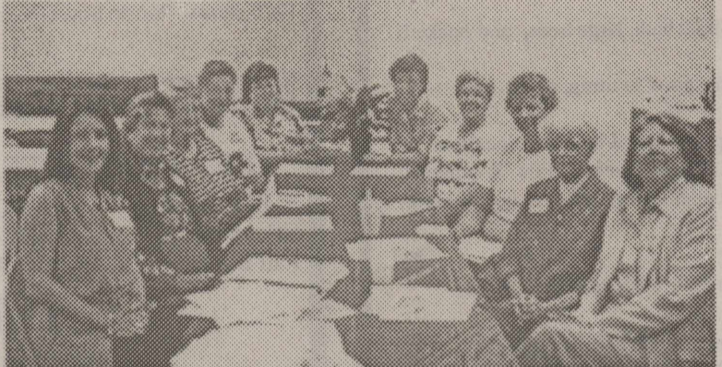
TERRY BRANCH

Locally Known Young Lady Regional Qualifier

Wilda Edington's granddaughter, Terry Branch of Rotan, won five tickets to the Regional Track Meet in Levelland on April 25th. Terry won the long jump and 100 hurdles, took third in the

triple jump and second in the 400 and 800 relays in the area meet held last Friday in Snyder.

Terry is a senior and daughter of James and Sue Branch of Rotan.



REPUBLICAN WOMEN GATHER—Members present at the Callahan County Republican Women April meeting pictured here are Jamie Belz, Helen

Groves, Betty Johnston, Joy Fiscus, Anita Chapman, Nicki Harle, Jan Greenhaw, Debbie Hatchett, Martha George and Carolyn Hayden.



NEWEST MEMBERS—The newest members of the Callahan County Republican Women

club pictured are Anita Chapman, Joy Fiscus and Martha George (standing).

Callahan County Republican Women welcome 3 new members

The Callahan County Republican Women held their April meeting in Clyde at the Masonic Lodge. Members present included Nicki Harle, Ginny Roden, Jan Greenhaw, Debbie Hatchett, Carolyn Hayden, Jamie Belz, Helen Groves and Betty Johnston. The meeting's agenda included welcoming Anita Chapman, Martha George and Joy Fiscus, the three newest members to the group.

Other topics of interest included a discussion of the recent redistricting of House Districts for the 2002 Election. The counties now within the new District #53 include: Callahan, Runnels, Coleman, Concho, McCullouch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Mason, Llano, Sutton, Kimble, Kerr and Real. Many were unaware that the new district was so vast. Nicki Harle

provided maps of the new district and there was a discussion regarding proper election procedures.

Committee activities were discussed regarding some of the activities being planned, which include a "Meet the Candidates" forum, a "How to Display the American Flag" handout, and some activities with the local schools.

The next meeting of the Callahan County Republican Women will be held on June 22 at the home of Pat Chrane. This is the summer BBQ meeting and members are encouraged to bring their families and guests. If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the club, please contact Nicki Harle, the club president, at 893-5500.

Highway Patrol Trooper David Mays to Retire

By: AL PICKETT
Special Writer

David Mays said the worst part of his job as a highway patrol trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety is being on call and receiving a report of an accident.

"Then you get out there and it's bad," he said.

Mays is officially retiring on April 30 after 30 years and seven months as a state trooper. He's been stationed at Baird since 1976.

It's those responses to accidents that he won't miss. A fatality accident on New Year's Day in 1983 still stands out as the worst he had to work.

"It happened on Interstate 20, mile post 313. The car went off the 2228 overpass," said Mays, still able to cite the statistics like the wreck happened yesterday instead of more than 19 years ago. "There were five people killed out of a family-four were children. We knew when we got there we had a bad wreck, but we didn't realize how many children were involved. I didn't know if we'd ever quit pulling them out of there."

Mays, who will turn 52 in November, grew up in Santa Anna. After graduation from McLennan County Community College in Waco, Mays joined the DPS and was assigned to East Texas. In 1976, he moved to Baird.

"In those days, you couldn't work in your home county," he said, "so I couldn't go back to Coleman County. This was as close as I could get."

State Troopers can now be assigned to their home counties, just one of a number of changes that have taken place during Mays' tenure with the highway patrol.

"When I first started," he said, "You couldn't live in a mobile home, you couldn't own a motorcycle and you had to check with your supervisor if you owned a car with a four-speed stick shift. So we have progressed."

Mays' most lasting legacy

may be an anti-theft switch that is now required on all patrol cars.

"In Austin, they call it the 'Mays Switch,'" he said, now able to laugh about a serious incident more than 10 years ago.

"Bill Russell (a fellow trooper) and I stopped a vehicle on I-20," Mays explained. "A fight ensued. I arrested and handcuffed the one I was wrestling with and put him in my car. But the two others ran off. Bill ran after one of them, so I went looking for the third one. Then my car took off."

The handcuffed prisoner drove away in Mays' patrol car. "Since then, they have installed the 'Mays Switch,' an anti-theft switch that is hard to locate," he said, "It was a needed piece of required equipment."

Mays said he has enjoyed his years in Baird.

"The volunteer fire departments have progressed into emergency response teams," he said. "That's been a big help. Highway safety and the special response teams to get people out of vehicles and into the hospital have really helped."

Mays said he is looking forward to retirement.

For many a year, I'd hear people talking about vacation or going fishing," he said. "When you're working a shift-

two weeks of days, two weeks of nights and every weekend but one every month you can't do that. This year, I'm going to see what summer is like."

Mays said he plans to stay busy.

"I have some mother cows, and I'll do some ranch work. I don't plan on quitting," he said. "I don't want another 8-5 job, but I won't sit here at the house."

But at least there won't be any more of those calls in the middle of the night with the report of an accident.

Experience Works Searches for Texas' Most Outstanding Worker In Progress

Waco, TX— Experience Works Inc. (formerly Green Thumb) the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Texas' most outstanding older worker. For the fifth year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; America's Oldest Worker; and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C. and in their home states.

Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program was launched in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work. This year's Prime Time Award activities culminate with a week long series of events, capped by a gala awards banquet and ceremony on Saturday, September 21, at historic Union Station. Winners and a guest will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events.

Texas is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a Texas resident, and currently working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., in September for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

Nominations must include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the business, including longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job, and a description of his/her community involvement.

In addition to special activities and recognition within the state, the winner will attend the 2002

Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., this September. The visit will include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events, a tour of the White House, and the Awards Banquet and Ceremony at Union Station.

Texas' 2001 outstanding older worker was 67-year-old Charlotte Gilmore of Terrell, who proudly wears the title "Trash Lady". As manager of Kaufman County Solid Waste Management Cooperative, she is credited for single-handedly bringing environmental awareness to her north central Texas community. Mrs. Gilmore manages the office while keeping a high profile in the community and has introduced several innovative programs including a springtime countywide cleanup, a master composter program, and a summer program for school children called Trash Camp.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, P.O. Box 7898, Waco, TX 76714 or call 800-888-5292. Entries may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the above address. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2002. A statewide selection committee comprised of business, civic, and community leaders will evaluate the nominations and the winner will be announced in mid June.

A search for America's Oldest Worker is also under way. Though Prime Time Awards Week was cancelled last year, due to the September 11 tragedies, at a press conference held in December, 100-year-old architect Harold H. Fisher was named America's Oldest Worker. Mr. Fisher still works full time at his firm in Michigan where he designs religious architecture, his specialty for more than 50 years. Nominate via the Internet at www.experienceworks.org or contact the state office.

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